

TO HONOR THE NATIONAL HISPANIC JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to bring my colleagues' attention to an exciting event that is occurring in my district for the first time ever. On June 20–23, 1,500 members of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists will gather in the Valley of the Sun for the group's 19th Annual Convention: Our Time is Now, Imágenes Y Voces de Nuestro Tiempo.

I'm proud that my district will be the site where hundreds of Hispanic journalists and media professionals will converge to continue to promote the mission of this organization dedicated to the recognition and professional advancement of Hispanics in the news industry. NAHJ endeavors to increase the number of Hispanic journalists in print, broadcast and new media industries. The organization works to improve coverage of Hispanic communities so they are accurately portrayed in the news. The annual convention gives members the opportunity to be revitalized by workshop issues on industry trends and ideas that affect careers and the way news is covered. It also gives members the chance to network, train and encourage journalists of the future.

Some of you may be aware that NAHJ has been a leader in improving the quality of journalism as it is now practiced in the United States. Organizations such as NAHJ have been instrumental in assuring that the media accurately reflect the communities they serve, not only through the hiring of diverse personnel, but through their news coverage. Therefore, NAHJ has been a significant force in assuring that media are practicing good and better quality journalism.

Established in April 1984, NAHJ created a national voice and unified vision for all Hispanic journalists. NAHJ is governed by a 16-member board of directors that consists of executive officers and regional directors who represent geographic areas of the United States and the Caribbean. The national office is located in the National Press Building in Washington, D.C.

NAHJ has approximately 1,500 members, including working journalists, journalism students, other media-related professionals and academic scholars. In addition to employment and career development, NAHJ works to organize and provide mutual support for Hispanic journalists in English, Spanish and bilingual media; encourage the study and practice of journalism and mass communication by Hispanics; promote fair treatment of Hispanics by the news media; and foster greater understanding of the culture, interests and concerns of Hispanic journalists.

Besides the national convention and career expo, the organization has dozens of exciting projects and programs, which include mid-career and professional development programs, an online job bank, journalism awards, internship and fellowship listings, student journalism workshops, a newsletter and scholarships.

As you can see, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists is a strong professional

organization that has provided genuine leadership and continues to advocate for Hispanics in the news industry. I congratulate NAHJ on the occasion of its 19th Annual Conference, and I ask my colleagues to please join me in wishing them a successful event and best wishes for the future.

HONORING HOPE NANCARROW FOR HER SERVICE TO THE MENTALLY ILL

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Hope Nancarrow of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who has dedicated her life to improving the emotional and mental condition of hospital patients. Since the early 1960's, Hope has helped to improve the quality of life for countless patients at the Harrisburg State Hospital. With her innovative therapy methods, she has helped many mentally ill individuals.

As a volunteer at a time when hospitals often ignored the emotional needs of the mentally ill, Hope set out to help those interned at the state hospital. With hymns and Bible readings, Hope lifted the patients' spirits. As the years progressed, Hope found more diverse therapies for dealing with patients.

Her use of pets in the hospital has brought joy to so many patients who yearn for the companionship and love they can only receive from familiar animals. She reached patients who no one else could with her understanding and incredible love for people. In addition to her work at the hospital, Hope helps to enrich the lives of other challenged groups. For example, Hope is a weekly reader at the Tri-County Association of the Blind.

Hope is the epitome of self-sacrifice and devotion to humankind. She has an intense appreciation for the human condition. She strives to personally help as many hospital patients as possible. With her keen insight into the kind of treatment mentally ill individuals need and deserve, she continues to make a difference in the lives of many.

I know that the entire House of Representatives will join me in celebrating the efforts of this outstanding woman for her care of the mentally ill. Hope Nancarrow stands as a guiding light of inspiration for all of us.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ROBERT L. DILENSCHNEIDER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Robert L. Dilenschneider on the 13th day of May, 2001 was awarded a Doctorate of Public Service, conferred upon him by the Muskingum College Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Robert Dilenschneider as a foremost expert in the fields of public commu-

nications and strategic counseling, has influenced the representation of historic events on the world's stage; and

Whereas, Mr. Dilenschneider provides vital guidance for organizations as they disseminate information to international, national and regional communities; and

Whereas, Mr. Dilenschneider inspires cross-cultural exchanges and facilitates diverse educational opportunities through his leadership in the Institute on International Education, the governing body for the Fulbright Program; and

Whereas, Mr. Dilenschneider has demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of those around him by serving on the Board of Governors for the American Red Cross and the advisory board for New York Presbyterian Hospital; and

Whereas, Mr. Dilenschneider has maintained a resolute commitment to education through scholarship as reflected in his publication of numerous best-selling books and his willingness to serve as a commentator in the media; and

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the impressive accomplishments of Robert Dilenschneider.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL TARIQ MOODY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Michael Tariq Moody for his tremendous dedication to his church and community during his brief life on the occasion of the Mike Moody and Darian Williams Memorial Basketball Game.

Michael attended the New York City Public School System, graduating from Boys and Girls High School in February of 1998. Immediately prior to his death, he had intended to further his education at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Mike," the younger of two sons born to Harold and Deborah Moody, was often compared to Andrew in the Bible because he professed and put God first in his life starting at a young age. He believed in the commandment "Honor thy Father and Mother" with deep conviction. He always honored, respected and loved his mother. Michael was an active member of Victory Christian Tabernacle Church.

Michael displayed incredible charisma throughout his teenage years. Mike, an extraordinary basketball player, used his skills on the court not only to win the game, but to help others. Playing for teams such as Black Men Who Care, Bethelite Deacons, ABC Metro Basketball Team and the Hydro Tech League, Michael filled his home with trophies and honors awarded to him for his excellence in basketball.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Tariq Moody devoted his short life to serving his community and church. As such, both he and his family are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in remembering and honoring the life of this remarkable man.